

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, Dominic S. Lindauer on January 30, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's representative presented arguments distinguishing the claims from the cited references. In particular, the cited references fail to disclose that once a packet in a connection has been classified subsequent packets in that connection bypass the classifying component and are sent directly to a host.

Applicant's representative understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that the claims, amended as proposed during the interview, would be allowable over at least the references of record. Accordingly, Applicant herein amends claims 1, 9 and 17 in the manner discussed during the interview.

Claims 1-9, 12-14, 16-20 and 75 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.